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SUBJ: PROTECTIVE SECURITY MEASURES AT LUSAKA

1. AM POUCHING LETTER IN RESPONSE TO YOURS OF 19 MARCH AND THE MEETING OF SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE, 28 FEBRUARY, BUT SENDING THIS MESSAGE IN VIEW BRADFORD'S IMMINENT ARRIVAL LUSAKA.

2. BRIEFLY, RSO URGES POST TO ACQUIRE RECOMMENDED WEAPONS, DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT, PLUS EXPLOSIVE DETECTOR AND BOMB BLANKET AVAILABLE THROUGH SY. FURTHER, RESIDENCES OF AMBASSADOR AND DCM, POSSIBLY OTHERS, SHOULD BE REINFORCED AS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO OFFICERS IN THEIR HOMES. DEPARTMENT POLICY IS FOR ALL POSTS TO ACQUIRE, NOW, THE FULL RANGE OF PRACTICAL SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED BY THE FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY CONGRESS AND, AS THIS IS ONE-TIME OPPORTUNITY, BELIEVE INDIVIDUAL VIEWS OF INCUMBENTS SHOULD AVOID LEAVING SUBSTANTIAL GAPS IN PROTECTIVE CAPABILITY FOR SUCCESSORS, SOME OF WHOM MAY HOLD STRONG VIEWS ON DESIRING ADEQUATE PROTECTION.

3. SUBJECT TO BRADFORD'S VIEWS, BELIEVE REQUIRED MODIFICATION OF GENERATOR ROOM MAY BE INCLUDED IN PACKAGE. ALSO SUGGEST SURVEY OF RESIDENCES WITH VIEW OF INCREASING EXTERIOR LIGHTING. LOCALLY-HIRED GUARDS, RECEPTIONIST TRAINED FOR SECURITY DUTIES, ALSO AVAILABLE UNDER PACKAGE. DECLASS 31 DEC 1980.

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